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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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MARK VAYDA et al. ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Known  
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For: UNIVERSAL INPUT DEVICE AND SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-52, without prejudice

Please add new claims 53-92, as follows:

--53. An input device for generating signals that represent input requests by a user, the device comprising:

a base portion;

a control portion;

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a plurality of inputs disposed on said control portion for permitting a user to input at least one request,

a connector connecting said control portion to said base portion and for permitting a user to move said control portion with respect to the base portion; and

a signal generator operatively connected to the plurality of inputs and the connector, said signal generator generating at least one first signal indicating a movement or